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OF THE

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OF THE

NEW YORK EAR DISPENSARY

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Certificate of Incorporation

OF THE

NEW YORK EAR DISPENSARY.

The undersigned, being of full age, citizens of the United States of America, and a majority being citizens of the State of New York, have this day formed an Association, pursuant to Chapter Three Hundred and Nineteen of the Laws of Eighteen Hundred and Forty-eight, and other laws, supplemental and amendatory of said chapter, and hereby adopt the following

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION:

ART. I.—This Association shall be known by the corporate name of "THE NEW YORK EAR DISPENSARY."

ART. II.—The particular business and objects of this Association are the establishment and maintenance of a Dispensary in the City of New York, for the professional care and treatment of indigent persons afflicted with diseases of the ear.

ART. III.—The power of this Association shall be exercised by a Board of Trustees, twelve in number. The Trustees for the present year, and until the first "Annual Meeting" of the Association, are:

R. L. CASE,	B. I. HAIGHT,	W. E. PRINCE,
WHITELAW REID,	THEO. R. WETMORE,	ISAAC H. ALLEN,
J. S. MARCY,	EDWARD WOOD,	J. W. ALSOP,
HENRY SNYDER,	SAMUEL SEXTON,	GEO. B. POMEROY.

In witness of the foregoing, the undersigned have here signed

their names to duplicate copies of this Certificate, this eighth day of April, eighteen hundred and seventy one.

S. SEXTON,
JAMES H. KNAPP,
GEO. B. POMEROY,
RUSSELL WETMORE,
STEPHEN WOOD.

State of New York,
City and County of New York, } ss.

This eighth day of April, 1871, appeared before me, Samuel Sexton, James H. Knapp, George B. Pomeroy, Russell Wetmore and Stephen Wood, known to me to be the persons above-named, and each severally acknowledged the foregoing to be his signature to the before-mentioned Certificate and Articles of Incorporation.

HENRY DE PEYSTER,
Notary Public,
NEW YORK COUNTY.

I hereby approve of the aforesaid organization and its purposes, and authorize the filing of this Certificate and Articles of Incorporation.

J. R. BRADY,
Justice.

State of New York,
City and County of New York, } ss.

I, Charles E. Loew, Clerk of the said City and County, and Clerk of the Supreme Court of said State, for said county, *Do Certify*, that I have compared the preceding with the original Certificate of Incorporation of the NEW YORK EAR DISPNSARY, on file in my office, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of such original.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal, this 13th day of April, 1871.

[L.S.]

CHARLES E. LOEW,
Clerk.

State of New York,
Office of the Secretary of State, } ss.

I have compared the preceding with the duplicate original Certificate of Incorporation of the New York Ear Dispensary, with the approval of a Justice of the Supreme Court, and with acknowledgment thereto annexed, filed in this office on the twelfth day of April 1871, and *hereby certify* the same to be a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of said duplicate original.

Witness my hand and seal of office of the Secretary of State, at the City of Albany, this twelfth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-one.

[L.S.]

D. WILLERS, Jr.,
Deputy Secretary of State.

BY-LAWS.

Article I.—Officers.

The Officers of the New York Ear Dispensary shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, to be elected from among the Trustees, and holding office for one year, or until their successors are appointed.

Article II.—Meetings.

The Board of Trustees shall meet on the third Monday in December, March, June and September, of each year; and at the meeting in December the officers for the ensuing year shall be elected. But the Board may meet at any time on call of the President, Vice-President, or Secretary, or any three Trustees; and five Trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business, and a majority vote shall decide all questions.

Article III.—Medical Officers.

The Trustees shall appoint such Medical Officers as they shall deem expedient, and who shall hold office during the pleasure of the Board.

Article IV.—Attorney.

The Board shall have power to appoint an Attorney, who shall perform such duties as may be properly required of him.

Article V.—Officers' Services Gratuitous.

The foregoing Officers and the Attorney, shall perform their duties gratuitously.

Article VI.—Executive Committee.

The President, Secretary, Treasurer, and such Medical Officers as may be members of the Board, shall constitute an Executive Committee, under the direction of the Board of Trustees, whose duty it shall be to carry out the objects of the Dispensary.

Article VII.—Committees.

At the meeting adopting these By-Laws, and afterwards at each annual meeting, the President shall nominate the following Standing Committees:

1st. A Finance Committee of three, besides the Treasurer, who shall be an *ex-officio* member thereof.

2d. An Auditing Committee of two.

3d. A Committee of two for each month in the year, whose duty it shall be to visit the Dispensary during their term of service.

Article VIII.—Of the President.

The President shall be an *ex-officio* member of all Standing Committees.

Article IX.—Amendment of By-Laws.

The By-Laws may be altered or amended at any meeting of the Board of Trustees, provided written notice of the intended amendment shall have been sent to each of the Trustees thirty days previously.

FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Board of Trustees.

The New York Ear Dispensary was first opened for the reception of patients May 25th, 1871, at 69 West 35th Street. In June, 1872, it was removed to its present location, at the north-west corner of Ninth Avenue and 36th Street.

In organizing this Dispensary, the Trustees desired to fill the hiatus that existed in this city among the numerous and well-managed charitable institutions, by establishing a charity which should be exclusively devoted to the treatment of diseases of the Ear, thus increasing the facilities for the relief of the poor, and at the same time advancing scientific medicine by offering to the profession a more exclusive field for observation.

The west side of the city seemed to offer an inviting field for a Dispensary of this kind, inasmuch as nearly all institutions affording medical aid to those affected with deafness were situated on the East side.

Although this Dispensary was the first charity of the kind to be established on this continent, in England and elsewhere the necessity had long been recognized. In London, as early as 1816, the Royal Dispensary for diseases of the ear was founded, and the Metropolitan Infirmary for diseases of the ear in 1838. The latter included diseases of the head and throat. The Trustees of the New York Ear Dispensary soon recognized the wisdom shown by the founders of the Metropolitan Infirmary in treating diseases of the throat in connection with ear diseases; and they have consequently established a Throat Department.*

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* The Trustees desire to return their thanks to Drs. Wagner and Asch for much assistance in inaugurating the Throat Department.

By this means, it is hoped that many cases where throat diseases exist will be cured before serious deafness occurs, deafness being, in the greater number of cases, preceded by some disease of the throat.

The Trustees receiving no State or City aid, rely entirely upon the voluntary contributions of the charitable; and they embrace the present opportunity to thank those who have sustained the Dispensary by their donations.

Since its organization, the Dispensary has been visited by many physicians and medical students with a view to increase their knowledge of aural diseases.

Up to June 1st, 1873, three hundred and sixty-four cases have been treated in the Dispensary, a large number being young children. The Trustees would here urge upon those who have control of our public schools the importance of providing for the education of the increasing number of deaf mutes. In many cases, particularly in those who have become deaf from crebro-spinal-meningitis no benefit is to be derived from medical treatment; and many of them will become a public charge unless means are taken to educate them.

In conclusion, the Trustees would respectfully call the attention of the public to the following extracts from their Circular Announcement, which was issued in anticipation of the great work before them. Subsequent events have justified their sanguine anticipations.

"The Trustees earnestly ask for this Institution the aid of those who wish to alleviate the sufferings of the poor.

"Deafness, and diseases which result in permanent and irreparable injury to hearing afflict a large class. Out of every three persons of from twenty to forty years of age, according to a distinguished European authority (Von Tröltsch,) one has lost the full normal hearing power.

"The children of the poor, either the scrofulous or those exposed to cold, are great sufferers from ear diseases, and are much neglected. At school, inattentiveness and supposed stupidity are often only the early symptoms of

deafness. Infancy and childhood afford the saddest instances for sympathy. The 'running from the ears' is neglected: 'It is only a cold'—'the child will outgrow it'—but when old enough to talk, the child is unable to frame words, for it cannot hear!

"The usefulness and enjoyment of adults are destroyed by impaired hearing, as well as, not seldom, the power of self-support. The old are robbed of social enjoyment, caused constant suffering from confused noises, etc., and led to needless distrust of family and friends, when this condition, wrongly attributed to the mere decay of old age, is often curable.

"The fatal policy of 'letting alone' has taken deep hold on all classes. To the imperfect knowledge, even in the profession, (which had rarely until of late, given *special* attention to the ear,) may be traced this indifference and apathy, which have largely swelled the ranks of the dependent poor, filled our asylums, and added to the criminal classes.

"To counteract this tendency, and to make the recent and great scientific advances in treating diseases of the ear useful to the suffering poor, and through them to the community at large, the Trustees have established this Dispensary. The Profession now recognize the fact that nearly all cases, particularly the young, can be benefitted by treatment. Over three thousand are now annually presented for treatment in this city, and members of the Profession believe not less than twenty thousand are still neglected.

"The usefulness of this Dispensary has been fully demonstrated; and the Trustees feel that to make it at all equal to the increasing demands, they must ask aid of those generous citizens who have never failed to answer to the calls of a genuine and discriminating organized charity."

Funds may be sent to the Treasurer, General Henry Prince, U. S. A., Army Building, corner Houston and Greene Streets; or to any of the Trustees.

FIRST ANNAUL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Staff to the Board of Trustees.

Gentlemen:

The Medical Staff have to Report that 364 cases of diseases of the Ear and Throat have been treated at the Dispensary since it was opened.

Total number of Ear cases, - - - -	335	
Total number of Throat cases, - - -	29	
		364

CLASSIFICATION OF DISEASES OF THE EAR.

AURICLE.

Auricle Sebaceous, tumor of - - - - - - -	2
" Eczema, acute of, - - - - - - -	2
" " chronic of, - - - - - -	6
" " " and of head, - - - -	1
" " " and of head and face, - -	1
" " " with favus, - - - - - -	1
" " " following erysipelas, - -	1
" wound of - - - - - - - - -	1
" abscess of - - - - - - - - -	2
" frosted, - - - - - - - - - -	1
" herpes in front of - - - - - - -	1
" abcess behind, - - - - - - - -	1
	20

EXTERNAL AUDITORY CANAL.

Inflammation, acute circumscribed,	5
" " diffused,	13
" chronic,	4
" " with perforation,	1
" " with granulations,	2
Impacted cerumen,	52
" " with foreign body,	1
Abscess,	1
Eczema,	2
Aspergillus Nigricans,	1
	82

MIDDLE EAR.

Inflammation, acute suppurative,	15
" " " with perforation,	9
" " of right ear and chron. inflamm., left,	1
" " catarrhal,	23
" chronic suppurative, with perforation,	34
" " " with polypoid granulations,	4
" " " with polypus,	7
" " catarrhal,	113
	206

LABYRINTH, EUSTACHIAN TUBES, Etc. Etc.

Hyperaesthesia of auditory nerve, from sun-stroke,	1
Deaf mutism,	2
Menière's disease,	2
Deafness from Cerebral disease,	1
Hysteria, with tinnitus aurium,	1
Deafness, resulting from cerebro-spinal meningitis,	2
Tinnitus aurium,	1
Abscess of mastoid,	1
Neuralgia,	1
Otalgia,	1
Otalgia, from decayed teeth,	1
Acute catarrh, eustachian tubes, with enlarged tonsils,	2
Chronic catarrh, eustachian tubes,	2
Unclassified,	9
	27

DISEASES OF THE THROAT.*

Catarrh, naso-pharyngeal,	7
" pharyngeal,	1
Follicular pharyngitis,	4
Nasal polypus,	1
Pharyngitis, chronic,	3
Tonsilitis, acute,	4
" with ulceration,	1
" sub-acute,	1
Uvula, elongation of	1
Pharyngitis (phthisis,)	1
" chronic, with cardiac hypertrophy,	1
Acute inflammation of soft palate, with great edema,	1
Not classified,	3
	29

* This department was only established in April, 1873.

OPERATIONS FOR EAR DISEASES.

Paracentesis of membrana tympani,	13
Extirpation of polypoid growths,	5
Incision of abscess of auricle,	2
Removal of foreign body from external auditory canal,	1
Incision and scarification of wall of external meatus,	6
Removal of sebaceous tumor of auricle,	2
	29

OPERATIONS FOR DISEASES OF THE THROAT.

Extirpation of enlarged tonsils,	3
Amputation of Uvula,	1
	4
Total operations,	33

The records of the Dispensary show many cases of cures which would be of interest to its patrons. Our space will only permit reference to a few. One man aged seventy years, from Williamsburgh, applied for relief. He was so deaf that he could not hear

the ordinary voice even when the speaker was standing by his side. After one visit to the Dispensary for treatment, he returned to thank the surgeon, and say, that for the first time in many years he could hear the voice of his spiritual teacher at church, which was to him the most important thing in life.

A little girl, aged ten years, without parents, suffered from a discharge from both ears, of three years duration. She was gradually losing her hearing, besides being in danger of the disease attacking the bones of the head, and thereby producing death. After six weeks treatment at the Dispensary she was discharged cured.

Many children, from a few months to ten years of age have been treated for otorrhea and catarrhs, the result being an entire cure.

In many cases what would have been serious disease has been, by early treatment, avoided.

Patient instruction is given in all cases to the poor who so much need intelligent advice in order to avoid the origin and extension of aural disease. No organ of the human body suffers more from neglect of cleanliness than the ear.

The officers have felt that their labors will be recognized by the public, and their substantial sympathy gained.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

HENRY PRINCE, *Treasurer, in account with the* NEW YORK EAR DISPENSARY.

CONTRIBUTIONS.	*Dr.*
James Brown	$20 00
Stewart Brown	25 00
Isaac H. Allen	25 00
A. R. Wetmore	5 00
Theo. R. Wetmore,	5 00
Edward Wood	5 00
R. L. Case, Jr.	25 00
E. T. Titus	10 00
Samuel Willets	25 00
~~Benj. Fathorn~~, Benjn Fathorn	10 00
F. M. Weld	10 00
Samuel Sexton	50 00
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F. Fessenden	10 00
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Charity (through Edward Wood)	10 00
Geo. B. Pomeroy	50 00
Pitt Cooke	20 00
Sinclair Tousey	25 00
William Walter Phelps	50 00
Trustees' "Murray Fund"	50 00
Waldo Hutchins	25 00
Mrs. B. I. Haight	9 54
Theo. B. Shelton	25 00
Advanced by Trustees	254 97
	$714 51

By Cash:	*Cr.*
Rent	$384 00
House expenses	139 25
Furniture	66 35
Instruments	68 00
Stove	18 75
Gas fixtures	4 44
Coal	6 50
Printing, postage, &c.	27 22
	$714 51

The Trustees acknowledge, in addition to the cash donations, the contribution of the following articles, which aided them greatly in equipping the Dispensary with the necessary instruments and apparatus.

Valuable Laryngoscope, with complete atomizing apparatus, from Luis F. Sass, M.D.

A large donation of surgical instruments from Tieman & Co.

Galvanic apparatus from Louis Drescher.

Medicines from Caswell, Hazard & Co., and the Metropolitan Drug Co.

Printing from Bowne & Co., Major & Knapp, Spectator Press, and A. C. Harrison.

FORM OF A BEQUEST

TO

The New York Ear Dispensary.

I bequeath to my Executors the sum of ..... Dollars, in trust, to pay over the same, in ..... after my decease, to the person who, when the same shall be payable, shall act as Treasurer of "The New York Ear Dispensary," to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of the said Dispensary, and under its direction.